State of North Dakota Public Health

Homeland Security Advisory System Threat Levels & Recommended Actions

If an event has occurred, activate your Emergency Response System.

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	Continue all measures as outlined in Green, Blue, Yellow and Orange levels.
	Notify essential personnel and conduct situation briefing.
	Be prepared to activate emergency response plan.
	• Activate call tree. Secure as many additional staff as necessary. Advise staff of schedule modifications.
RED	 Designate staff to monitor news information stations and health alert network 24 hours.
Severe	Assure contact has been made with local/community emergency managers to verify activation of public
Condition	infrastructure security.
Condition	Secure all doors. Maintain a security presence at a single point of access to each building and check
	identification of all visitors. Maintain a sign-in log with information from each visitor's identification.
	Check all bags, suitcases, brief cases and packages at the security point. Deliveries should not be accepted
	unless approved by supervisory staff.
	Implement parking restrictions and park vehicles away from facility.
	 Post signage indicating alert level and to redirect public to essential services.
	Conduct briefing with Regional Bioterrorism Coordinators.
	 Assign staff to track expenses related to increased level of security.
	Continue all measures as outlined in Green, Blue, and Yellow levels.
	Notify essential personnel and conduct situation briefing.
	Ensure PPE is available.
	Designate staff to monitor news information stations and Health Alert Network communications daily.
Orange	Inventory availability of public health response teams and check go-kits.
High Condition	Lock all exterior doors except the main facility entrance(s).
	• At the beginning and end of each shift, as well as at other regular and frequent intervals, inspect the interior
	and exterior of buildings for suspicious packages.
	Observe parking areas adjacent to building for loitering.
	Identify and protect designated vulnerable areas; storage, electrical, telephone, air exchange, etc.
	All visitors must check-in and be escorted.
	Be alert for trends in patient symptoms.
	Continue all measures as outlined in Green and Blue levels.
	Alert staff in all departments to heightened threat level.
¥7. 11	Perform disaster call tree drill.
Yellow	Assign staff person to watch for faxes/emails/correspondence from Department of Health and Health Alert
Elevated	Network.
Condition	Review emergency response plans and media protocols with all staff.
Condition	• Increase spot checks of specific high-risk entrances/exits (e.g. loading docks, professional office buildings).
	Document security checks.
	Do not leave vehicles unattended and unlocked.
	 Lock and regularly inspect all buildings, rooms and storage areas not in regular use.
	Review inventory of critical pharmaceuticals. Reorder if necessary.
	 Notify food processors, manufacturers, distributors, etc., to assess security measures.
	Be aware of large scale community events.
Blue	Continue all measures as outlined in Green level.
	Review and update call tree quarterly.
Guarded	Review and update emergency response plan.
Condition	Conduct tabletop exercises for key personnel.
	 Be alert for suspicious activities and report to appropriate person.
	Provide training for all staff on Homeland Security Advisory System.
	Check communications with designated emergency response personnel, including the Public Health
	Facilities.
Green	Conduct routine facility threat assessment.
Low Condition	Ensure that in-house call tree is current.
Low Condition	 Assign staff person to watch for faxes/emails/correspondence from the Health Alert Network daily.
	 Prohibit casual access by unauthorized personnel.
	 Ensure communications equipment, including telephone numbers of governmental agencies, is available
	and operational. Instruct telecommunications staff to complete a group page with color alert system and
	document response times.
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